ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 20, 1969

Mr. Henry Christenson
Hudson County National Bank Building
95 River Street
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Dear Henry:

At the A.N.A. convention, in Philadelphia, you commented that you noticed some tell tale discrepancies on certain of the bars in the Lilly collection and that you did not plan to tell anyone at this time about those discrepancies. You also indicated that you told Hans Schulman that the bars should be inventoried at their intrinsic gold value.

It has occurred to me that there are two things which should be done:

1. I will undertake to get a copy of the inventory to see what actually was used as a basis for the bars involved.

2. I believe you should write down the discrepancies in the gold bars and include anyother information you have with respect to them. You should seal this in an envelope, address the envelope to me, and then send it to me whenever you feel like it. If you want to send me the envelope with instructions that it should not be opened, I pledge my M.I.T. honor not to open it without your approval so long as you live.

If the foregoing isn't the oddest proposition you have had in a long time, I'll be surprised.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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September 5, 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:-

O.K. - I give up - I'll spell out what I found about the gold bars - but to you alone.

Call me the next time you are in New York City and come over for lunch if we can get together. Meanwhile, try to have some of the photos with you. John Pittman had some very attractive photos featuring this stuff at a Metropolitan show a few years ago. If you can get hold of a set, or if you already have them, bring them with you.

I'll stand lunch and bar and we can have an interesting discussion and perhaps some intriguing guesses as to past, present and future.

Regards,

Cordially,

HC/be

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September 9, 1969

Mr. Henry Christensen
Henry Christensen, Inc.
Hudson County River Bank Bldg.
95 River Street
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Dear Henry:

Thank you, very much, for your letter of September 5, 1969, offering your cooperation.

Today, John Pittman has been asked to send pictures of the Mexican bars and I am sure he will cooperate.

We also received some very interesting detail on this matter from Ted Buttrey, who also had the opportunity of examining some of the pieces. We have asked Ted Buttrey to obtain from Hans Schulman the text and valuation given on the Mexican gold bars in the Lilly matter. As soon as these are assembled, we will have our little talk.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 20, 1970

Mr. Henry Christenson
Hudson County River Bank Bldg., Suite 507
95 River St.
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Dear Henry:

Believe it or not we have been unable to obtain from the Smithsonian Institution, a copy of the description and appraisement of the Mexican bars in the Lilly collection. We have also written to the Lilly Estate, in Indianapolis. We have followed these letters up on several occasions. We wrote to John Pittman to obtain pictures of another set of bars but this, also, has not been forthcoming.

I have not forgotten the fact that you and I are going to meet and talk about this matter. The next time I am in New York I will try to arrange it. In any event, we will talk about it in St. Louis, in August.

For some reason or other, a number of people do not want this matter looked into. We think things of "artistic" value should be studied.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 5, 1970

Mr. Henry Christensen
Hudson County River Bank Bldg.
95 River St., - Suite 507
Hoboken, New Jersey 07030

Dear Henry:

I am enclosing, for your perusal and return, photographs which I just received of the 1715 Royal of Philipp V, Mexico Mint. You will recall I told you I had seen it. It is now for sale.

If you think we should talk about it, call me.

I hope you had a lovely time in Mexico and look forward to our next meeting.

Cordially,

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March 26, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:-

Eleven months ago I sent to you by registered air mail the sheet of Iturbide notes and the four consecutively numbered notes. These belong to Clyde Hubbard, from whom I received a letter this morning asking that I write to you to have them returned - at least sent to me so that I can give them to him when he next comes this way.

Take notice that the address above is no longer effective. In January the office was moved to the following location -

HENRY CHRISTENSEN INC.
P.O. Box 1732
Madison, New Jersey 07940

telephone is 201 - 822 - 2242

If you get the notes to me, they will be off you mind, and Clyde will know he can have them whenever he wants them.

Incidentally, there have been some strange laws and edicts promulgated in Mexico of late. Essentially they are directed against the art and artifacts thieves. However, they are so drawn that they can be stretched at a future date to encompass almost all of the collecting fields. One should be concerned.

Enclosed are the photos of the 1715 full round eight escudos. These you sent me on October 5, 1970.

I look forward to seeing you in New York, and at Central States in St. Louis.

Regards,

Cordially,

HC/c
Copy to Clyde Hubbard

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 12, 1971

Mr. Henry Christensen
P.O.Box 1732
Madison, New Jersey 07940

Dear Henry:

I may not be at the Central States Convention so I am returning, as you requested in your March 26, 1971 letter, the uncut sheet and the cut sheet of the Iturbide notes.

I have not yet completed the report I am writing on this matter. One of the problems is commentary on whether the Mexican government or a subdivision of it has any ownership claims. I have not been given sufficient information as to the source of these pieces and have heard some wild tales. I do not feel justified in ignoring the sudden appearance of quantities of the pieces. The other members of the committee may not agree but they have some of them and may be unable to be fully objective.

Have you any thoughts on this point?

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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July 23, 1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:-

On behalf of the Rhode Island Historical Society one of our long time friends has sent in a few out-of-state miscellaneous items for disposal at our convenience.

At the same time, he has told me that he and a few others are trying to improve the status and the displays of the society. With this in mind, he has asked that you get in touch with him, if possible, about the colonial items they may or may not have. He does have a copy of your Magnum Opus.

This gentleman can be reached at his office from Tuesday to Friday - if he isn't goofing off !!! His address is:

[redacted]

The society's address is

Rhode Island Historical Society
52 Power Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02906

I look forward to seeing you in Miami Beach next month.

Cordially,

HC/c
cc: Mr. Tracy G. Thurber

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 30, 1975

Messrs. Henry and Bill Christensen
P. O. Box 1732
Madison, NJ 07940

Dear Henry and Bill:

Spending Saturday with you was purely delightful and I wanted to thank you for your courtesies. The lunch and transportation were most appreciated, but bes of all, the discussions.

Under separate cover I am sending you a token of appreciation.

My kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

I used gasoline very successfully on the sheet. The scotch tape was removed and I used pages from an old book to repair the splits on the schedule.

Lot 261 has two sheets of photographic plates. They are exact duplicates. If you want to send me as a present the poorer ones with the light background, I would be most appreciative. You will note that the ones with the black background are far superior.

I forgot to look at Lot 488 to see what color the buildings were. Are they blue or brown?

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 18, 1975

Mr. William Christensen
P. O. Box 1732
Madison, NJ 07940

Dear Bill:

Henry told me that someone else really wanted the Universal Combiist, which was Lot 414 in your recent sale. I have a surprise for him. What I bought was improperly rebound and marked presumably by Willem's binder. The one marked Volume II is an exact duplicate of much of the material in Vol. I.

I, therefore, will let that person have this Vol. II of 380 pages for $50 which is half of my cost. It is complete within itself and covers all countries and has full coin tables and exchanges. Naturally that person can examine it before taking it as it is marked Vol II.

Please let me know what the underbidder's wishes are.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 21, 1976

Mr. Henry Christensen
P. O. Box 1732
Madison, NJ 07940

Dear Henry:

I have a first class puzzle for you which I can't solve. I have a Peuch Bien silver bit from New Orleans with counterstamp of PB on one side and of an eagle with NOVVELLE ORLEANS on the other side. These are struck over crown size coins. All that can be read other than the counterstamps is the ED and a line which looks like the drawing

The coin would have to be prior to 1850 in date, but could be anything from anywhere.

The ED are large serifed capitals. They do not match up with any U.S. Dollar of 1794 to 1803, but the letters are about the same size. I have thought of

CONFEDERATIO CONFEDERATION

MONEDA FREDERICUS EDWARDUS.
1813 1839

What coins have an ED in the legend facing to the center? The Argentina, Belgium, etc., pieces are candidates. Shall I send you the coin or can you give me a clue by mail? It probably is South or Central American as it was cut up in New Orleans.

TRY
RAIZONDO —
ARGENTINA
P 4
type 4
1838, 39, 40
8 RS

Best Holiday wishes.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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DATE April 8, 1977

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Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY OF THIS INVOICE WITH YOUR CHECK.

CHARGES AND CREDITS	
Lot #890	125.00
NB - Grover called late and offered two and a half!!	
Subscription or Prices Realized	-
Total of above	125.00
Applicable Sales Tax	
RRR Insurance & Shipping	3.40
TOTAL	128.40
Less - Deposit or Credit	-
BALANCE DUE	128.40

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 30, 1979

Mr. William Christensen
P. O. Box 1732
Madison, NJ 07940

Dear Bill:

It was nice of you to send to me the Maryland $20 1780 note which unfortunately was a counterfeit. Someone has to keep counterfeits and I might as well be that someone. In exchange for it I am enclosing herewith an uncirculated note of your own state, being 18 pence March 25, 1776 #33115 Plate C. Since it is dated 1776 it ought to be easy to sell in this choice condition. I believe it is equivalent to the Maryland note.

If there is something else you would prefer to have in exchange, please let me know as I want to be sure this makes it easier for you not to have to sell a counterfeit.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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Encl.

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WILLIAM B. CHRISTENSEN

June 3 1989

Mr Harry Fowler
7 Main St.
Stonington, CT 06378

Dear Mr. Fowler:-

Just to re-introduce myself briefly, you may recall that I was one of the speakers at the most successful COAC Latin American symposium at the A.N.S. last fall. The purpose of this letter is to "grease the skids" so to speak for a client of mine whom, I believe, is prepared to make a rather interesting donation,and I am trying to steer it towards the A.N.S. Normally, I would have first gotten in touch with Bill Bischoff,but,since he seems to be out over the unfortunate Suros contretemps, I thought I'd drop a line directly to you.

The collectors are Mr. and Mrs. R. Byron White of Massachusetts, long time serious numismatists in various fields who have reach the stage in life when it's time to divest themselves of a few things. They did sell outright their U.S. pattern coins for close to a million bucks some years ago.

The collection which they wish to liquidate now is a fascinating group (+/- 350 pieces) of early U.S. electrotypes, some done at the mint by DuBois for Mickley. This collection was started by Farran Zerbe and added to by Lew Werner before Mr.White acquired it. He has since added other eltros and forgeries to the group. It is the type of reference tool which I,personally, would like to see at the Society, rather than broken up on the marketplace. The A.N.S. already has some interesting,early U.S. electros,and this group would flesh out that holding admirably. In addition, once I knew what the combined holding entailed, I would be happy to add some other pieces from our own reference collection.

Mr. White may already have been in touch with Les Elam to feel out his reaction,but I thought that I would correspond as well. Let's keep these things in NYC rather than in Colorado Springs!

The Whites also have assembled what is probably the finest collection in the West of Chinese bronze coins, both cash and struck coins and patterns of the empire,republic,and warlords, many thousands of pieces. If Rose Chan Houston were still at 155th and Brdwy the ANS might have been a logical candidate for all or part of that collection. Without her,I'm afraid there

may be no one there to appreciate those pieces. At any rate, please let me know your thoughts re the electrotype collection.

Cordially,

Bill

William B. Christensen

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cc:
R.B.White
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WILLIAM B. CHRISTENSEN

Dec 10 1991

Mr Eric P.Newman
6450 Cecil Ave
St.Louis,MO

Dear Eric:-

I am enclosing another copy of my upcoming sale since I thought you might find my introductory letter amusing.

The main reason for this letter is to tell you that next year, in at least two sales, I will be selling the U.S. paper money and coins of my late friend Jim Dupont,whom I believe you knew as well.

It will be a learning experience for me which I am really looking forward to. There are approx. 4000 dif. obsoletes and scrip(largely N.J. but many others) 6 jammed packed albums of colonials and 1790's small change notes, etc.

Eric I plan on grouping the sections of small change notes of various eras separately, both for historical reasons and(I hope) to make them more attractive sales items.

As I see it, the notes fall into these groups:

1. 1790's small change
2. post War of 1812 small change
3. Civil War
4. Hard Times
5. 1873-79 Panic

I plan on calling The 1837-42 pieces Hard Times Paper Scrip and the 1862-1864 small change Local Civil War Fractional Currency. I do not have a convenient title in mind for the pieces from the 1790's or 1813-1819. Any ideas for group names for them? Or do you think I'm just barking up the wrong tree?

Cordially,

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William B. Christensen
P. O. Box 1732
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December 16, 1991

Dear Bill:

It was a very nice surprise to hear from you and to have you call my attention to your philosophical commentary in your December 20, 1991 sale catalog. Please "stick around". I am a collector who is trying to stick around. Numismatics needs people like you.

Since my work is usually research, I am glad to be asked questions about Jim Dupont. I never knew what happened to him in the years after I met him. If he was your friend then he must have more to him than he would let "competitors" see of him. You should tell me about him.

As to his collection I would like to have the opportunity to see his colonial paper money and his 18th century small change notes. Are you making Xerox copies or pictures of the small change notes ? Are there any colonial paper issues I have not described properly ?

Will you offer me anything or must it all go on the auction block ? I think we should talk about it. Getting information from him was not easy. I poured endless effort into writing this part of my catalog.

As to your categories I agree with you that eras rather than areas should be the division, but I would name the eras a little more clearly as follows:

Late 18th century small change notes.
Small change notes following the War of 1812 (the war lasted through 1815).
Hard Times Period Scrip and Bank Notes (either order or only one).
Civil War small change notes
Panic of 1873 issues.

I am going to my 60th reunion at M.I.T. in 1992. Your Dad had this in common with me.

Keep barking up the right tree!

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman